

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

This announcement is not a request for applications.

This announcement is to provide public notice of the National Park Service's intention to award financial assistance for the following project activities. *Refer to Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination.*

ABSTRACT	
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	P19AS00555
Project Title	Point Reyes National Seashore Young Stewards Program
Recipient	Point Reyes National Seashore Association
Anticipated Federal Funding	\$200,749.00
Non-Federal Cost Share	\$0.00
Total Anticipated Award Amount	\$200,749.00
Award Instrument	☒ Task Agreement ☐ Cooperative Agreement ☐ Grant Agreement
Anticipated Period of Performance	06/17/2019 – 12/31/2020
Legal Authority	54 U.S.C. §101702(a)
CFDA # and Title	15.406 – National Park Service Centennial Challenge
Single Source Justification Criteria	
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Section 1. Project Summary

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Point Reyes National Seashore (Seashore or park) Young Stewards Program is a collection of offerings that bring youth, especially those who are most underserved, to the Seashore. As partners, the National Park Service (NPS) and Point Reyes National Seashore Association (PRNSA) believe that environmental education and healthy recreation should be a part of every child's life. Through collaboration over the years, the NPS and PRNSA have shared with thousands of children the beauty and joy that is found at the only national seashore on the West Coast. This project is jointly funded by PRNSA and the NPS centennial challenge program. The goal of the project is to engage over 1,000 youth in seashore science educational activities in 2019 and 2020. Specific objectives include:

1. Augment the scholarship offerings to applicants to Point Reyes Summer Camp and School at the Seashore programs. This includes

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PURPOSE

This project will bring youth, especially those who are most underserved, to the Seashore. Participants will engage in seashore science educational activities, and develop an appreciation for the natural world. The project engages partners and local communities in shared environmental stewardship.

STATEMENT OF WORK SUMMARY

1. Point Reyes Summer Camp and School Program – Funding will cover a portion of the scholarships offered over the year, including 50 summer camp scholarships and 1,000 underserved youth to attend overnight residential environmental education programs in the park. Summer camp includes field trips, meals, transportation and onsite supervision and programming. School program includes transportation, training to self-run a program, access to equipment and buildings on site.
2. Seashore Youth Ambassadors Program – The project will deliver an immersion environmental education program in the park serving 40 underserved middle school youth and their families living in the park's gateway communities. The education program is four days long and includes the following activities: environmental education curriculum, hikes, campfires, workshops with NPS staff, and meals.
3. Science at the Seashore Program – The project partially supports 18 day-long science field trips in the park for approximately 720 youth, and a week-long science immersion program for 12-18 underserved teens each year. Activities include wetland ecology and restoration, macro invertebrate sampling, water quality testing, fish sampling with seine nets, wetland birds counts, wetland plant monitoring, creek cross-section profiling and water flow hydrology.
4. Science Internships – Three interns will be hired and will work in vegetation and range management and science communication. Activities include dune restoration, non-native species removal, nursery operations, weed mapping, monitoring, and communications.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

A. The recipient shall be responsible for the following items under this agreement:

1. Recruit and award scholarships for summer camps students.
2. Implement the Science at the Seashore Program.
3. Implement the Seashore Youth Ambassadors Program.
4. Hire, assign and supervise three interns.
5. Provide educational staff and their expertise and resources to carry out objectives.
6. Provide the Seashore with final reports and/or refereed journal articles, progress reports, and research data generated by PRNSA personnel under this Task Agreement, if applicable.
7. Provide personnel, facilities, supplies, materials and equipment as available to perform individual project tasks.
8. Collaborate with NPS staff in training PRNSA students and staff in natural and cultural resource research, monitoring, and restoration.
9. Fully acknowledge the NPS in any published or formally presented material developed or derived from this project.

B. The NPS Responsibilities:



A task agreement is proposed;



A cooperative agreement is proposed;

therefore substantial involvement by NPS is anticipated during the period of performance of this agreement. In support of this agreement NPS will:

1. Provide PRNSA with educational training regarding environmental and NPS values.
2. Assist with field education programs.
3. Provide on-site project and technical guidance and orientation, and provide materials for PRNSA use for individual projects.
4. Participate in the marine and coastal research and education by providing park staff and expertise and database capabilities to collect and manage the information collected through this program.
5. Provide access to and use of the natural and cultural resources of the Seashore for appropriate and educational activities of PRNSA, except for those activities which may conflict with the values and purposes of the area as stated in federal law or policy.
6. Fully acknowledge the PRNSA in any published or formally presented material developed or derived from this project.



A grant agreement is proposed, therefore no substantial involvement on the part of the NPS is anticipated for the successful completion of the statement of work. It is anticipated that involvement will be limited to actions related to monitoring project performance and technical assistance at the request of the recipient.

Section 2. Grants.gov Posting Determination

- ☒ The National Park Service intends to award a task agreement under a previously competed or single source justified award.
- ☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified cooperative agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*
- ☐ The National Park Service intends to award a single source justified grant agreement. *Refer to Section 3 Single Source Justification.*

Section 3. Single Source Justification

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SINGLE SOURCE POLICY REQUIREMENTS

National Park Service Policy FAP&P 1443-2015-06 requires a written justification which explains why competition is not practicable. The justification must address one of the following criteria.

In order for an assistance award to be made without competition, the award must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- (1) Unsolicited Proposal – The proposed award is the result of an unsolicited assistance application which represents a unique or innovative idea, method, or approach which is not the subject of a current or planned contract or assistance award, but which is deemed advantageous to the program objectives. The unsolicited proposal must demonstrate an innovative capability or concept not currently available to the government, and prepared without Government involvement. ;
- (2) Continuation – The activity to be funded is necessary to the satisfactory completion of, or is a continuation of, an activity presently being funded, for which competition would have a significant adverse effect on the continuity or completion of the activity;
- (3) Legislative intent – The language in the applicable authorizing legislation or legislative history clearly indicates Congress' intent to restrict the award to a particular recipient of purpose;
- (4) Unique Qualifications – The applicant is uniquely qualified to perform the activity based upon a variety of demonstrable factors such as location, property ownership, voluntary support capacity, technical expertise, or other such unique qualifications. Successful past performance, familiarity with existing requirements, capabilities that can be obtained or matched by a competitor, or a positive reputation, are not considered to be unique qualifications.
- (5) Emergencies – Program/award where there is insufficient time available (due to a compelling and unusual urgency, or substantial danger to health or safety) for adequate competitive procedures to be followed.

NPS did not solicit full and open competition for this award based the following criteria:

- ☒ Task Agreement issued under previously competed or single source master cooperative agreement per Section 2 above. Single Source Justification not applicable.
- ☐ Unsolicited Proposal ☐ Continuation ☐ Emergency
- ☐ Legislative Intent ☐ Unique Qualifications

Explanation of the proposed recipient's qualifications or the criteria of the proposed project which requires use of the single source criteria cited.

Section 4. Department of the Interior Secretary's Priorities

This award will support the following DOI Secretary priority(ies):

Other Key Initiatives:

- ☐ Employment of veterans.
- ☐ Supporting DOI Infrastructure needs.
- ☐ Creating jobs in the American economy.
- ☒ Access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

Priority 1: Creating a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt

- ☐ Utilize science to identify best practices to manage land and water resources and adapt to changes in the environment.
- ☐ Examine land use planning process and land use designations that govern public use and access.
- ☐ Revise and streamline the environmental and regulatory review process while maintaining environmental standards.
- ☐ Review DOI water storage, transportation, and distribution systems to identify opportunities to resolve conflicts and expand capacity.
- ☐ Foster relationships with conservation organizations advocating for balanced stewardship and use of public lands.
- ☐ Identify and implement initiatives to expand access to DOI lands for hunting and fishing.
- ☐ Shift the balance towards providing greater public access to public lands over restrictions to access.

Priority 2: Utilizing our natural resources

- ☐ Ensure American energy is available to meet our security and economic needs.
- ☐ Ensure access to mineral resources, especially the critical and rare earth minerals.
- ☐ Refocus timber programs to embrace the entire 'healthy forests' lifecycle.
- ☐ Manage competition for grazing resources.

Priority 3: Restoring trust with local communities

- ☐ Be a better neighbor with those closest to our resources by improving dialogue and relationships with persons and entities bordering our lands.
- ☐ Expand the lines of communication with Governors, state natural resource offices, Fish and Wildlife offices, water authorities, county commissioners, Tribes, and local communities.

Priority 4: Ensuring sovereignty means something

- ☐ Support tribal self-determination, self-governance, and sovereignty.
- ☐ Solidify mutual interests between the U.S. and the freely associated states and territories.

Priority 5: Generating additional revenues to support DOI & National interests

- ☐ Ensure that the public receives the full market value for the natural resources produced on Federal lands.
- ☐ Ensure that fees or costs levied for DOI services are reasonable and targeted to achieve cost recovery.
- ☐ Consider the impact of DOI decisions on economic development and job creation.

Priority 6: Protecting our people and the border

- ☐ Actively support efforts to secure our southern border.
- ☐ Ensure DOI law enforcement staffing addresses public safety risks anticipated on DOI land.
- ☐ Promote a "public service" demeanor within our law enforcement community.

Priority 7: Striking a regulatory balance

- ☐ Reduce the administrative and regulatory burden imposed on U.S. industry and the public.
- ☐ Ensure that Endangered Species Act decisions are based on strong science and thorough analysis.

Priority 8: Modernizing our infrastructure

- ☐ Support the White House Public/Private Partnership Initiative to modernize U.S. infrastructure.
- ☐ Remove impediments to infrastructure development and facilitate private sector efforts to construct infrastructure projects serving American needs.
- ☐ Prioritize DOI infrastructure needs to highlight:
 1. Construction of infrastructure;
 2. Cyclical maintenance;
 3. Deferred maintenance.

Priority 9: Reorganizing for the next 100 years

- ☐ Improve alignment and integration of the DOI organizational structure. Redistribute organizational resources (people and funding) to enhance mission achievement and improved public service.
- ☐ Improve organizational alignment with Executive Branch counterparts with major land management assets or influence.

Priority 10: Achieving our goals and leading our team forward

- ☐ Senior executives are expected to provide leadership in achieving goals of the President and the Secretary.
- ☐ The Management Team is expected to:
 1. Ensure cost-effective operations and quality service to the public;
 2. Facilitate organizational cooperation and conflict resolution;
 3. Ensure the workplace environment is conducive to employee productivity and safety;
 4. Hold individuals accountable for actions that violate DOI policies and requirements.

The proposed project does not support any of the DOI Secretary priorities, but the project is being funded for the following reasons: